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1. SUMMARY. THE POLITBURO EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT WHICH APPEARED IN THE CENTRAL PRESS ON NOVEMBER 29 CALLS THE MEETING A "NEW MAJOR STEP" IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE PROGRAM. THE TONE AND LANGUAGE USED IN DESCRIBING THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING ARE WARMER THAN THOSE USED IN A SIMILAR EVALUATION OF THE JULY SUMMIT. IT ACCORDS ARMS CONTROL MATTERS FIRST PRIORITY IN PRAISE, BUT ALSO EMPHASIZES GENERAL THEME OF CONTINUITY IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS SINCE 1972.
END SUMMARY.

2. AN EXAMINATION OF THE POLITUBRO EVALUATIONS OF THE JULY AND VLADIVOSTOK SUMMITS SHOWS THAT IN THOSE FORMULATIONS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY COMPARABLE, THE RESULTS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING ARE ACCORDED WARMER LANGUAGE. WHILE THE POLITBURO APPROVED THE "POLITICAL RESULTS" OF THE JULY SUMMIT "IN FULL" (POLNOST'YU), IT APPROVED THE "IMPORTANT POLITICAL RESULTS" OF THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING "WHOLLY AND IN FULL" (TSELIKOM I POLNOST'YU). THE RESULTS OF THE JULY SUMMIT WERE ADJUDGED TO HAVE "IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE" FOR THE "CONSOLIDATION" OF RELATIONS, WHILE THOSE OF THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING HAD "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" FOR THE "FURTHER DEVELOPMENT" OF RELATIONS.

3. WHILE THE JULY SUMMIT, ACCORDING TO THE POLITBURO, "PROMOTED FURTHER DETENTE AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE," THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT GAVE A "NEW IMPULSE TOWARD THE DEEPENING OF DETENTE AND THE BROADENING OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS." THE JULY SUMMIT "ANSWERED THE INTERESTS OF A CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE," WHILE THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING "MADE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE STABILIZATION OF WORLD PEACE."

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4. THE POLITBURO EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF VLADIVOSTOK LOSES THE COLLEGIAL EMPHASIS OF THE SIMILAR DOCUMENT ON THE JULY SUMMIT. IN JULY, THE ACIVITY OF "THE SOVIET DELEGATION" RECEIVED APPROBATION, WHILE FOR VLADIVOSTOK BREZHNEV HIMSELF IS NAMED AS THE PRIVE ACTOR. THE LATTER DOCUMENT ALSO STATES THAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE VALUE HIGHLY NOT ONLY THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING

BUT ALSO THE "CONTRIBUTION MADE IN THIS EFFORT" BY BREZHNEV. THE MEETING IS ALSO CITED AS BEING NEW CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANT PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF REGULAR US-SOVIET SUMMITS.

5. THE POLIBURO EVALUATION IN GENERAL EMPHASIZES THE ARMS CONTROL ASPECT OF THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING, BUT ALSO UNDERLINES THE THEME OF CONTINUITY IN THE POLICIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IT NOTES THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT ALL OBLIGATIONS ENTERED INTO IN AGREEMENTS IN 1972 AND 1973. THIS, THE EVALUATION NOTES, IS "A MAIN PRECONDITION FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT AHEAD" TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PEOPLES.

6. ON SALT, THE DOCUMENT SINGLES OUT AS HAVING "IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE" THE AGREEMENT THAT THE NEW SALT AGREEMENT "WILL BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL (ODINAKOVAYA) SECURITY." IT NOTES THAT THE SALT RELATED AGREEMENTS REACHED IN VLADIVOSTOK ARE "HIGHLY REGARDED" IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND THAT THEIR REALIZATION WILL BE "AN IMPORTANT STEP ON THE WAY TO A STABLE PEACE AND WORLD SECURITY."

7. THE EVALUATION STRESSES THAT THE READINESS EXPRESSED AT VLADIVOSTOK TO WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THE WORLD'S OUTSTANDING POLITICAL PROBLEMS WILL, IF TURNED INTO PRACTICAL REALITY, PROMOTE FURTHER MOVEMENT DOWN THE ROAD OF DETENTE. IN THIS REGARD, IT SINGLES OUT AS HAVING SPECIAL IMPORTANCE THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING ON CSCE, MBFR, THE NPT, AND CYPRUS. ALSO CONSIDERED "IMPORTANT" IS CONFIRMATION OF THE INTENTION OF BOTH SIDES TO APPLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR EFFORTS TO RESOLUTION OF THE "KEY PROBLEMS OF A JUST AND STABLE PEACE" IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

8. THE POLITBURO EVALUATION CONTAINS TWO DISTORTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. IT CLAIMS THAT THE MEETING "EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY (NEOBKHODIMOST') OF RECONVENING THE MEPC-- A CONCEPT NOT CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE THAT THE MEPC "SHOULD" RESUME ITS WORK. AND THE TIME FACTOR FOR THE RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CITED IN THE EVALUATION--"AT THE EARLIEST TIME (SKOREYSHY)-- IMPLIES GREATER URGENCY THAN THE ACTUAL COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (KAK MOZHNO SKOREE)." STOESSEL

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